

# Montana State Legislature

**2015 SESSION**

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### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

**Date:** Monday, April 13, 2015

**Place:** Capitol

**Time:** 9:00 A.M.

**Room:** 102

#### BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HJ 27 - Joint resolution for Interim study of statutory appropriations - Rep. Brad Tschida  
SB 52 - Revise captive insurance laws - Sen. Jill Cohenour  
SB 99 - Revise insure Montana small business health insurance laws - Sen. Jill Cohenour  
SB 180 - Revise the disposition of rental car sales tax - Sen. Brian Hoven  
SB 272 - Encourage Indian language immersion schools - Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy  
SB 354 - Create infrastructure funding program - Sen. Rick Ripley  
SB 416 - Provide for statewide infrastructure - Sen. John Brenden  
SB 418 - Authorizing transfers to implement provisions of House Bill 2 - Sen. Llew Jones

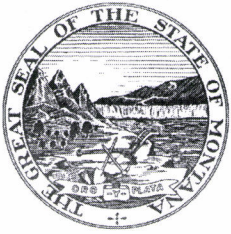
#### EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

None

#### Comments:

None

  
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REP. Nancy Ballance, Chair



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### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

#### ROLL CALL

DATE: April 13, 2015

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REP. KELLY <b>MCCARTHY</b>		✓
REP. TOM <b>WOODS</b>	✓	
REP. CARL <b>GLIMM</b>	✓	
REP. DAVE <b>HAGSTROM</b>		✓
REP. BOB <b>MEHLHOFF</b>		✓
REP. TOM <b>BURNETT</b>	✓	
REP. DONALD <b>JONES</b>		✓
REP. MITCH <b>TROPILA</b>		✓
REP. JANET <b>ELLIS</b>	✓	
REP. ROY <b>HOLLANDSWORTH</b>	✓	
REP. RON <b>EHLI</b>	✓	
REP. BRAD <b>TSCHIDA</b>	✓	
REP. RAE <b>PEPPERS</b>	✓	
REP. KIMBERLY <b>DUDIK</b>	✓	
REP. KENNETH <b>HOLMLUND</b>	✓	
REP. MIKE <b>CUFFE</b>	✓	
REP. PAT <b>NOONAN</b> , MIN. VICE CHAIRMAN		✓
REP. RYAN <b>OSMUNDSON</b> , MAJ. VICE CHAIRMAN		✓
REP. NANCY <b>BALLANCE</b> , CHAIR	✓	

20 MEMBERS

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**Monday, April 13, 2015**

## HJ 27 - Joint resolution for Interim study of statutory appropriations

**Sponsor: Rep. Brad Tschida**

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## SB 52 - Revise captive insurance laws

**Sponsor: Sen. Jill Cohenour**

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## SB 99 - Revise insure Montana small business health insurance laws

Sponsor: **Sen. Jill Cohenour**

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## SB 180 - Revise the disposition of rental car sales tax

**Sponsor: Sen. Brian Hoven**

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Joel Reben

MT LFL

oppose

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Shane Morigeau

CSKT

support

Monday, April 13, 2015

SB 416 - Provide for statewide infrastructure

Sponsor: Sen. John Brenden

Jon Metropoulos

MAOGCC

X

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Patrick Murtogh	Bannville/Sidney	✓		
Ed Exmann	SELF	✓		
Jessica Redfield	City of Sidney	✓		
Bob Gilbert	City of Glendive	✓		
Rick Norby	City of Sidney	✓		
Holly Capp	MSU	✓		
Riley Johnson	NFIB	X		
KEN RICHARDSON	CTA/MEDA	X		
Tami McCall	MLCT & YBCA	X		
ROBERT KOLAR	TAXPAYER		X	
Cary Hegreberg	CONTRACTORS	X		
Jim McLean	SD 38	X		
Dennis Appel	MT Chamber	X		
John McDonald	City of Missoula	X		
Harold Blatter	MAE	X		
Erik Burke	MEA-MFT	X		
Jeff Exmann	SELF	X		
Randa Wigger	Adena Chamber Comm	X		
Mike Hopkins	Montanasso Students	X		
Garret Hankford	ASMSU	X		
Harry Wang	ASUM	X		
Claudia Cottard	AARP Montana		✓ - only Lewis & Clark proposal	

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Eric Mon

Disability Rights MT

X

✓ - institutional exposure

Clayton Christian

MUS

X

David R. Nielsen

mt. league operators

X

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**Monday, April 13, 2015**

## SB 418 - Authorizing transfers to implement provisions of House Bill 2

**Sponsor: Sen. Llew Jones**

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**Monday, April 13, 2015**

## SB 354 - Create infrastructure funding program

**Sponsor: Sen. Rick Ripley**

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## SB 272 - Encourage Indian language immersion schools

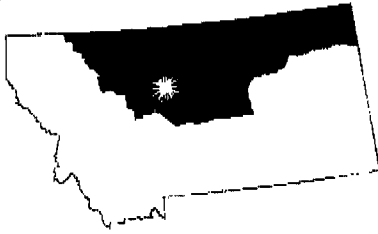
**Sponsor: Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy**

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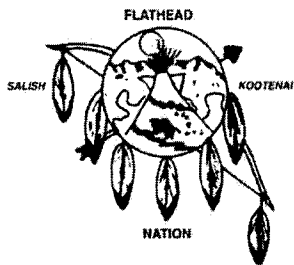
April 13, 2015

Chair Ballance and Members of the Montana House Appropriations Committee:

My name is Shyla Patera. I am writing this testimony as a citizen advocate for transit, chair of my local transportation advisory council and an independent living specialist and chair of the Montana Independent Living Task transportation Force. I ask for committee support of Senate Bill 180. As a citizen, I use my fixed route and paratransit system each day. Having the opportunities of successful employment, volunteerism, and community participation may and probably would not be possible for me due to severe myopia or eyesight and other disabilities without public transit. As a community advocate, Chair of the Great Falls Transportation Advisory Council and an independent living specialist, I advocate to keep public transit strong throughout Montana. As a co chair of the Montana Independent Living transportation task force, I and other Montanans with disabilities educate our communities not only about gaps such as community and transit accessibility but also successes in our public transit systems and urban providers who often serve Montanans with disabilities and seniors. Montana has created a senior and disabled account called Transade. This account and the creating of it provide that a portion of your licensee registration fee be dedicated to support senior and disabled transportation. Because Montana has changed our licensing and fee structure revenue in the account has decreased, this leaves one less funding option available to providers. As a transit advocate, I am encouraged that Senator Hoven is sponsoring Senate Bill 180 and a healthy discussion about public transit can occur. As a transit rider, I can tell you Montanans who ride want equal access. Transportation is non partisan and all of us should do our part to keep transit strong throughout Montana.

*Shyla Patera*

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April 13, 2015

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**RE: SB 180 - Revise the disposition of rental car sales tax**

Madam Chair and Committee Members:

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes ("CSKT") strongly support SB 180 as this bill provides transportation services to individuals who are disabled and elderly (60 years and older).

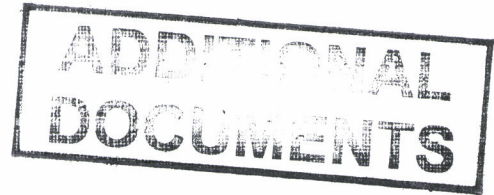
Currently, the CSKT provides numerous transportation options for individuals living in Lake County and on the Flathead Reservation. We have 20 vans and buses that transport individuals to Salish Kootenai College, St. Luke Community Healthcare, Lake County Council on Aging, Lake County Office of Public Instruction work programs, TANF, Vocational Rehabilitation, Fatherhood program, and many more. Besides providing local transportation services to the local community we also service the Flathead transit route from Missoula to Whitefish, which benefits all Montanans.

As you can see, there is a great need for these types of transportation services, and the CSKT has been doing as much as it can with available resources. SB 180 would further support the transportation needs on the Reservation and in Lake County, as it would allow the CSKT to stabilize our services and expand our route system for those who are elderly and disabled. SB 180 provides grant opportunities to counties, cities and towns, tribal governments, non-profit entities, and transportation districts.

Because the transportation grants must be coordinated through the local transportation advisory committee, it ensures that the programs are efficient and non-duplicative (services provided). Local control with transportation services helps determine routes and the needs of the ridership in the local community. The CSKT respectfully request that this committee support SB 180.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon S. Finley, Chairman  
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes



My name is Robert Kolar (spell) I am a taxpayer, business owner and concerned citizen from here in Helena. I ask you to vote no on SB416.

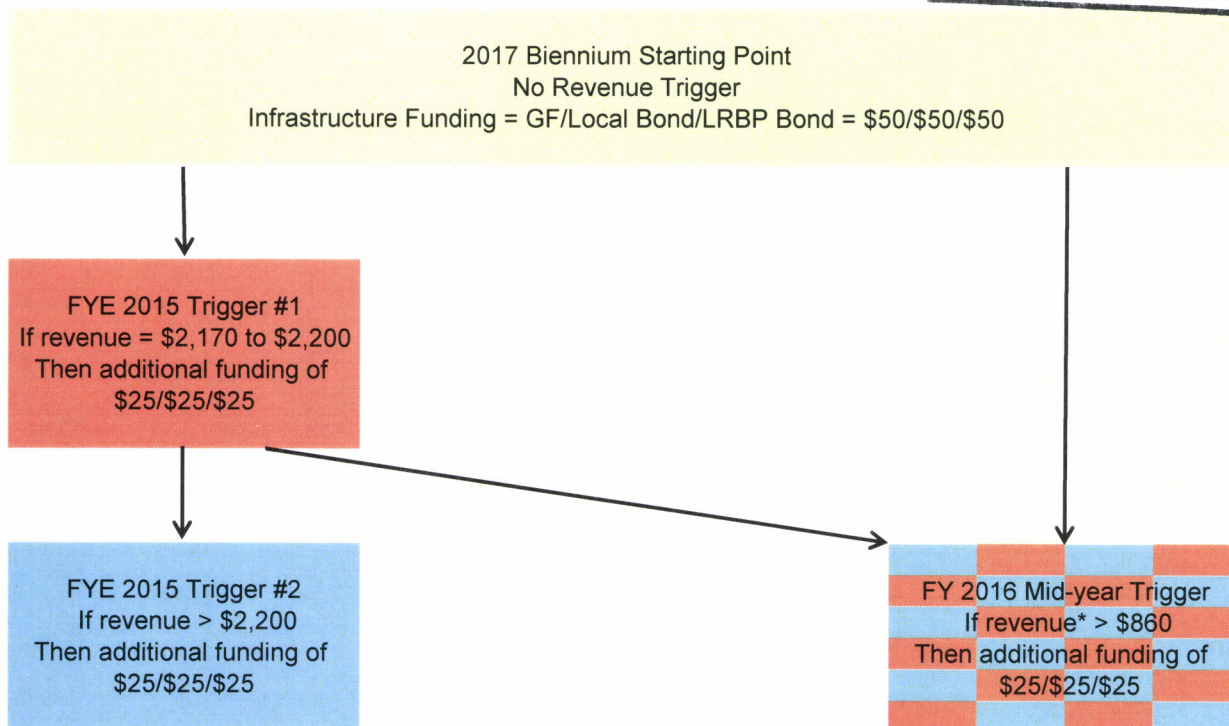
When the Museum asks for my hard earned tax dollars, it is one thing. However, when they ask for it in the form of bonding, which is by far another thing. If you are going to do this, do not use bonding as a mechanism to do the funding. WHY YOU MAY ASK? Why, because bonding is adding taxpayer dollars on top of taxpayer dollars. In case you don't know what bonding is, it is borrowing the money and then paying interest on top of the amount you spend. Just like a Mortgage on your house. You will end up paying many times that amount. It is hideous and it only benefits the investment bankers.

Keep in mind; our country is over 18 trillion in debt. Now is not the time to go into more debt. Granted that is on the Federal side, not the state side, but mark my words, we will have to pay it.

I am opposed to bonding and using taxpayer money for something that we can do without, Please vote no on this bill

Thank You very much  
Your Friend  
Robert Kolar

SB 416 Flowchart (\$ Millions)



\*Trigger threshold for December 31, 2015 does not include the refund accrual reversals for individual income and corporation income tax.



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*MEDA represents over 200 members who are actively involved in local economic activity, community development, job retention and job creation for Montana.*

**April 10, 2015**

**TO: Chairman Nancy Ballance and members of the House Appropriations Committee**

**RE: SB416, sponsored by John Brenden titled "Provide for Statewide Infrastructure"  
Hearing scheduled April 13, 3:00pm, in Room 102**

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The Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) stands in support of funding for infrastructure projects such as those listed in SB416.

The Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA), is comprised of more than 200 economic development practitioners from across Montana who are working to improve the state's economy through business creation, expansion, retention, and through the diversification of our state's economic base. We provide direct technical assistance and training for Montana's entrepreneurs, businesses, and their employees in partnership with communities, counties, and local and regional development groups

Local government officials, state officials, and Montana citizens indicate that the principal reason why so many local public facilities are deficient is that most options for correcting deficiencies in our state's infrastructure are simply not considered affordable by local residents. SB416 is one bill (among others) offered this Legislative Session that has been designed to help address the affordability problem by providing grants to lower the cost of constructing buildings, drinking water systems, wastewater facilities, bridges, etc.

The affordability factor is especially true for most of Montana's communities because these facilities are very expensive to construct, the cost is usually divided among a relatively small number of users, and the community may also need to upgrade other facilities at the same time. In addition, funds are used for match that allows other grant and loan sources to be utilized for project completion that small communities must take on to meet critical needs and mandates from state and federal agencies.

Thank you for your support of infrastructure funding which translates into quality jobs for Montana's residents; this funding is an important tool for the continued growth of Montana's economy.

For MEDA,

Jason Rittal, President

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